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IN THE CLAIMS

1-30. (CANCELLED)

31. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) A method for providing aromatherapy to persons or animals within an ambient environment comprising directly applying a composition consisting of a liquid composition having a pH of at least 6.5 to an inanimate surface to effect a household function selected from the group consisting of surface cleaning, surface shining, degreasing, cleansing, dish washing with soaps, and wood finishing, the liquid composition comprising an aromatherapeutic concentration of an aromatherapeutic essential oil of 0.1 to 20% by weight of the liquid composition, completing the household function, allowing the aromatherapeutic essential oil to remain within the ambient environment to effect aromatherapy on persons or animals within the ambient environment, the solvents in said liquid composition consisting of materials selected from the group consisting of water and alcohols.

32. (NEW) The method of claim 31 wherein the pH of the composition is from 6.5-7.0.

33. (NEW) The method of claim 31 wherein the composition comprises Tween 20 in a concentration of from 0.1% by weight to 5.0% by weight of the composition.

34. (NEW) The method of claim 31 wherein the composition comprises from 10% to 40% by total weight of the composition of a long chain aliphatic alcohol.

35. (NEW) The method of claim 31 wherein the composition comprises from 50% to 85% by total weight of the composition of a long chain aliphatic alcohol.

36. (NEW) The method of claim 32 wherein the composition comprises from 10% to 40% by total weight of the composition of a long chain aliphatic alcohol.

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37. (NEW) A method for providing aromatherapy to persons or animals within an ambient environment comprising directly applying a composition consisting of a liquid composition to an inanimate surface to effect a household function selected from the group consisting of surface cleaning, surface shining, degreasing, cleansing, dish washing with soaps, and wood finishing, the liquid composition comprising an aromatherapeutic concentration of an aromatherapeutic essential oil of 0.1 to 20% by weight of the liquid composition and from 10% to 40% by total weight of the composition of a long chain aliphatic alcohol., completing the household function, allowing the aromatherapeutic essential oil to remain within the ambient environment to effect aromatherapy on persons or animals within the ambient environment, the solvents in said liquid composition consisting of materials selected from the group consisting of water and alcohols.

38. (NEW) The method of claim 37 wherein the pH of the composition is from 6.5-7.0.

39. (NEW) The method of claim 37 wherein the composition comprises Tween 20 in a concentration of from 0.1% by weight to 5.0% by weight of the composition.